

REMARKS

In the Response to Restriction Requirement submitted herewith, Applicant elected the claims of Group I (Claims 327-513, 516-522, and 524-526) without traverse. However, of the claims in Group I, Applicant wishes to pursue only Claims 327-355, 357, 361-363, 366, 447-467, 501, 504-506, 522, 524, and 526. Accordingly, in this Third Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 356, 358-360, 364-365, 367-446, 468-500, 502-503, 507-521, 523, 525, and 527-529. Applicant has also amended Claims 334, 351, and 467 and has added new Claims 530-825 for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A

334. (Amended) The implement of Claim 328, wherein the shells in said first position are at least partly arranged in spaced apart relationship and in said first position form an interspace therebetween, said interspace being [open to both ends of the implement and forming slots] open to at least one end of the implement and forming a slot for material to be processed by said stapler and said puncher, respectively.

351. (Amended) The implement of Claim 327, wherein [said latch comprises a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member] a latch comprising a displaceable locking element in one of the members and a locking receiver in the other member is provided.

467. (Amended) The implement of Claim 327, wherein at least one of the members comprises adjacent channels extending in a longitudinal direction of the member, wherein in one of said channels functional elements [selected from the group consisting of a stapler and a puncher are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel other tools are disposed which are movable out of and into said at least one other channel by means of shift elements disposed on outer surfaces of the members] of said stapler and said puncher, respectively, are disposed, and wherein in at least one channel said additional tools are disposed.